

Cambridge, Mass., Sept. 12, 1851.
My dear Prof. Oliver

We are here in great anxiety, having heard, through the prints of Sir Williams' death, but not a word yet from Kew or any one in England, that, ^{surely} might readily be, that the cause of our present intense anxiety is that a letter from Reichenbach at Hamburgh - almost a month old - mentioned that dear Dr. Hooker was ill!!

Dear me! Mail after mail has come in, but not a word; and - as you must have hurried back to Kew upon this sad state of things, I appeal to you for the intelligence we so much want. Tell us if you can, that Dr. Hooker is out of danger - and tell us

of dear good Sir William,
Even the Gardener's Chronicle
since the 15th August has
failed or delayed to come to
us. Our love and sym-
pathy to Mr Hooker's - and
to arrange, in some way, to
give us constant news, by
a line, never brief - and
you will confer the highest of
favours upon Yours sincerely

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